State	Number of tea gardens registered with Tea Board
Tripura	57
Bihar	1
Uttar Pradesh	8
Himachal Pradesh	1660
Manipur	4
Sikkim	1
Arunachal Pradesh	14
Nagaland	5
Orissa	1
Total North India:	2948
Tamil Nadu	6845
Kerala	4106
Karnataka	37
Total South India	10,988
All India	13,936

Source: Tea Board

[English]

Bank Deposits in Madhya Pradesh

4485. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for constant reduction in the ratio of amount deposited in Nationalised Banks of Madhya Pradesh since 1989-90 onwards;

(b) whether the ratio of amount deposited in Banks during 1989-90 was 68.66% while the same has come down to 56% in 1994-95; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by the Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). The Credit Deposit Ratio (CDR) of nationalised banks in Madhya Pradesh from March, 1990 to March, 1996, as available from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is given below:

Period	CDR (%)
March 1990	61.5
March 1991	57.8
March 1992	56.0
March 1993	55.7
March 1994	49.5
March 1995	46.6
March 1996	49.9

The CDR in a particular State or Region depends not only on the effort made by the banks but also on various other factors such as credit absorption capacity, infrastructural support and the overall policy framework in the region. RBI have advised the banks that they should achieve a CDR of 60 per cent in respect of their rural and semi-urban branches separately on an All India basis. Banks have also been advised that while it is not necessary that this ratio should be achieved separately branch-wise, district-wise or region-wise, the banks should nevertheless ensure that wide disparity in the ratios between different State/Regions is avoided in order to minimise imbalances in credit deployment.

Purchase of Public Sector Bonds by Banks

4486. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have banned commercial banks from buying public sector bonds;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether banks have also been prohibited from investing funds in the certificate of deposits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Under the extent instructions issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), banks are permitted to invest in public sector bonds without any ceiling subject to observance of prudential limits for credit exposure for a single borrower or a group of borrowers. In response to queries from some banks, RBI have advised that they should not acquire capital market instruments including PSU bonds, in the secondary market. This was done